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Student Evaluation of Teaching Ad Hoc Committee

Present: Professors Lebbon, Doyran, Valentine, Deveaux, Waring, Vogal, Behrman, McNamee, Becker, and VP and CIO Bergmann

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. on December 2nd, 2014
- 2) Student list has been removed from email notifications to professors regarding who has and has not completed the evaluations; professors are now only receiving a count on the number of students yet to complete the evaluations
- 3) Suggestion to spend time explaining to students how they benefit from the survey, and how it is used for promotions and tenure
- 4) The open questions are extremely important in review of tenure and promotions committee so SETL committee would like to keep those questions
- 5) Bergmann communicated the following:
 - i. Lehman is about to launch a portal called *Single Sign-on* wherein students will have access to Blackboard, CUNY first, Connect, etc.
 - ii. Agrees that a shorter survey is better
 1. The committee is in consensus that the survey needs to be shorter
 - iii. We can make the survey more accessible via student connect portal
 - iv. Is pitching that students have private access to some key questions' responses prior to taking a course for a dual effect; the responses would be delivered to the students only as a numeric average. The open-ended responses would only be available to faculty
 - v. It is possible to have the demographic information automatically populated for the students so they do not have to waste time filling out that information
- 6) Suggestion to have Lehman Connect provide evaluation directions or a message about the importance of the evaluations. Or have Blackboard run a flashing banner that reminds students to complete the survey and announcing when the survey is available
- 7) Becker suggested the survey be mobile-enabled to increase response rate
- 8) Can we have the survey company create a draft of the shorter survey? To save time, Lebbon will create a mock survey with below questions suggested for the shorter survey:
 - i. For the Classroom surveys, the committee suggested only asking students the following items:
 1. 1.7, 4.4, 4.5 (same rating scale for these 3), 5.1, 5.2 (same rating scale for these 2), 6.1 and 6.2 (free text)
 - ii. For the Online surveys, the committee suggested only asking students the following items:
 1. 1.7, 4.4, 4.5 (same rating scale for these 3), 5.1, 5.2 (same rating scale for these 2), 8.1 and 8.2 (free text)
- 9) The committee hopes for a May target deadline for implementation of the new survey
 - i. The committee discussed possibly asking chairs which questions they use for evaluation during promotions/tenure; try to get this on agenda for next FP&B meeting
 - ii. If individuals feel that too many questions are missing, some questions that are not used in promotion/tenure evaluation could be included as supplemental on Blackboard survey. Vogal can populate a template survey for all to use, or

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creation of Organization via Blackboard to share the information and have available to all faculty for use

- iii. We could also create a form of questions to ask students about their preferences for questions-responses that are important for them to see prior to taking a course, which could aid the development of survey moving forward; the SETL committee could deliver this to our classes

10) Valentine will send an email invitation to a Governance representative and/or Union representative to sit in our February meeting for feedback/input on the new survey.

11) The meeting adjourned around 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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